

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009***

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Selectmen present were: Rosanne Gilbert, Michael Woodworth, and Wes Moore. Others present were: Chief Reed, Tom Conner, Ed Wojonowski, Jim Daley, and Sue McKinnon.

Chief Reed plans to send the Hazardous Mitigation Plan back to the Rockingham Planning Commission by August 8th, 2008.

Chief Reed and Rosanne passed out draft copies of the new Personnel Policies to the other Selectmen for their review and comments. This item will be discussed at the August 19th meeting.

Tom Conner said that the town has received a lot of equipment from FPL Energy Seabrook LLC which includes a new emergency generator at the Fire Station. Tom said that although the town has a backup generator, it only serves the Police Department and the Town Office. FPL is willing to donate to the town, the generator that was taken out of the Fire Department. The town will need to provide a concrete pad for the generator, the gas tank, and the transfer switch. It was recommended that the tank size be 500 gallons (it can be filled ½ or 1/3 full). The Selectmen would prefer to have the wiring underground rather than on the outside of the building.

Michael made a motion to accept the donation of a generator from FPL Energy Seabrook LLC. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Michael advised that from Meadow Road, looking left, there is an obstruction of the view caused by a wall and drivers need to pull out onto Route 87 to see if the way is clear to proceed. Wes spoke about the view obstructions at Oaklands Road and Route 87. As Route 87 is a state owned road, it is the state's responsibility to make any changes. Chief Reed volunteered to call the State DOT to see what they can do to remedy these items.

Ed Wojonowski spoke to the Selectmen about a letter he received from Town Counsel Fran Lane concerning the proposed bicycle lane. Ed advised that the bicycle lane will be constructed entirely in the state's right of way and no land will be taken by eminent domain. Ed is asking that Newfields allow Newmarket to extend the bicycle lane into Newfields from the town line to Old Route 87 for safety reasons. Wes asked for a letter from the Town of Newmarket stating this. Construction for the bicycle lane will not start until 2009.

Ed also spoke of the Route 108 corridor and the fact that Newmarket will start work on that project soon. He asked if Newfields was considering a corridor and if so, would it be linked to Newmarket's corridor. It was suggested that Ed meet with the Planning Board to discuss this.

The New Road bridge was discussed. It needs attention and at one point Al Dixon had offered to build a new bridge with Newmarket paying for it. Wes suggested that Ed speak to the Planning Board about this.

The Selectmen reviewed the information on the two applicants for membership on the Planning Board. Rosanne made a motion to appoint Mark Bouzianis to the Planning Board. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Rosanne made a motion to appoint Jim Daley to the Planning Board. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Both Mark and Jim will need to sign their appointments and take the Oath of Office in front of the Town Clerk.

Checks were signed.

A Notice Of Intent To Cut Wood Or Timber was signed by the Selectmen.

The cupola was discussed as water was leaking into the Town Hall. The roofer came back and inspected the new roof and determined it is not leaking. The water is actually coming from the cupola. The roofer caulked all around the cupola including the windows and finials and also the chimney. He advised that a pane of glass is cracked and all of the windows require glazing. The rest of the cupola should be stripped, primed, and two coats of paint put on for general maintenance. Some of the mortar on the rear of the building needs to be re-pointed to stop the leaks in the Town Office. Several contractors will be contacted for quotes.

Correspondence from Hutchinson Sealing Systems was reviewed and turned over to Sue McKinnon for handling.

The Selectmen authorized Nancy Spencer to attend a training class on November 19th.

Correspondence from Rye Fuel was reviewed along with correspondence from the N H Department of Transportation.

A Minimum Impact Expedited Application submitted by Southeast Land Trust of NH was reviewed.

The Selectmen will ask the members of the Budget Advisory Committee to meet with them on August 19th.

The Selectmen authorized the purchase and installation of two programmable thermostats in the Town Hall. They will be programmed at 50 degrees in the winter when the Town Hall is not in use.

The Selectmen discussed changing the polling hours for all elections and decided to keep the hours as is – 8:00am to 7:00pm.

Nancy was asked to contact Brian Knipstein and inquire as to when the slate will be moved from the Town Hall Parking Lot to the Water and Sewer plant and also when will the “Welcome to Newfields” sign be reinstalled.

Michael made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 5th, 2008 meeting as amended. Rosanne seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Michael asked that Halls Mill Road be on the agenda next week for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant